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On the cover:
McCarthy-Pederson Farm Historic District, calving and loafing barns,
photo taken August 2006 by property owner Tom Towle.
The McCarthy-Pederson Farm Historic District was listed
in the National Register of Historic Places on December 18, 2006.

Montana Preservation Plan: *Working Together to PRESERVE MONTANA*
2003 – 2007 Goals and Objectives

Goal I. Foster a preservation ethic for Montana's heritage properties

Objectives:

1. Instill an awareness and appreciation for Montana's heritage and heritage properties.
2. Encourage the integration of historic preservation in planning and policy-making.
3. Promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.
4. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.

Goal II. Identify, evaluate, and recognize Montana's heritage properties

Objectives:

1. Survey or support the survey of un-inventoried properties throughout the state.
2. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's archaeological, historic, and cultural sites.
3. Encourage and assist owners to list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

Goal III. Create and support a statewide comprehensive source for information about Montana's heritage properties and historic preservation

Objectives:

1. Acquire, organize, and share data on the state's archaeological, historic, and traditional cultural sites.
2. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.
3. Identify financial and human resources to assist preservation.

Goal IV. Encourage the involvement of Montana's tribes in historic preservation

Objectives:

1. Meet regularly with tribal cultural representatives to discuss issues and concerns.
2. Sponsor or co-sponsor forums that include Native Americans.
3. Facilitate the consideration of tribal perspectives regarding the treatment of heritage properties.

Goal V. Work effectively with all agencies, organizations, and individuals for good stewardship and sensitive treatment of Montana's heritage properties

Objectives:

1. Effectively apply historic preservation programs, strategies, techniques, laws, and information to the preservation of Montana's heritage properties.
2. Solidify existing partnerships and form new consensus for the benefit of historic preservation.
3. Strengthen local and private efforts to preserve.
4. Develop and support special programs for the preservation of resources at risk.

Three FY2007 Montana Historic Preservation Highlights

Montana Preservation Alliance 20th Anniversary

The statewide, non-profit Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) celebrated twenty years of advocating for the preservation of Montana's heritage places in FY 2007, an achievement acknowledged with the presentation of a Montana Preservation Award for outstanding service by Lt. Governor John Bohlinger at the 2007 Biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony hosted by the Montana State Historic Preservation Office in Helena. In making the award, Bohlinger noted that "because of the efforts of the Montana Preservation Alliance, Montana's Main streets are that much more economically viable, our farms and ranches that much more picturesque, and our state that much more special – and *less* like everywhere else. From the Sweet Grass Hills to the Tongue River Valley; from the Baker Hotel to the Libby School – the history of concerned public involvement in historic preservation in Montana *is* the history of the Montana Preservation Alliance."

Grants Made Available for Montana Historic Barn Maintenance

Three significant historic barns in Montana benefited from \$5,000 grants each (\$15,000 total) from a new Montana SHPO Rural Property Brick and Mortar Grant Program established in FY2006 and implemented in FY2007. Historic barns are a difficult property type to maintain given ongoing changes in rural agricultural practices, costs, and difficulty in applying the federal commercial building tax incentives to this property type. At the same time, barns and other rural heritage property types represent one of the most distinctive and recognizable forms on historic landscapes throughout the state and the country. Although small in amount, these preservation grants leveraged an additional \$15,000 when matched by local labor and funds, putting \$30,000 total into barn preservation in FY2007. The three Montana barns assisted in FY2007 are the J.G. Myllymaki Barn near Belt, the Cue Livery Barn in Melrose, and the Nunberg Barn near Wibaux – all listed or soon to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Montana Rural Property Brick and Mortar Grant Program continues in FY2008-2009 with support of state funds.

A Montana Cultural Resource Geographic Information System

Outside of federal land-managing agencies' efforts over the years, the development of Geographic Information System computer mapping capabilities, or GIS, in Montana has lagged behind that of other states. The sheer number of recorded historic and pre-contact, structural and archaeological properties (over 47,000) combined with the labor intensive and high maintenance cost of GIS, has made the statewide digitization of site locations in Montana a daunting project to take on. But in keeping with the priority recommendation of the national Preserve America Summit for better information access, Montana initiated two GIS projects in FY2007: one for the location of all National Register-listed properties and districts and the other a pilot study with the Bureau of Land Management for all cultural resource sites and surveys in a five-county area of southeast Montana. The Montana State Historic Preservation office will work closely with the University of Montana Site Records Office next in integrating these two projects and strategizing for the growth of a statewide geodatabase.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; and responsible fiscal management {Goals/Objectives: I.4; III.3; V.1}

- ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in allocation and expenditure of FY2007 federal grant allocation (Historic Preservation Fund) totaling \$628,819.
- ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements (8.75 FTE) including individuals meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, and archaeology.
- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences and workshops to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities:
 - Western History Association Conference, St. Louis, October 11-15, 2006 (Kate Hampton, *presentation*)
 - Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference, Savannah, GA, March 27-31, 2007 (Rolene Schliesman, *2009 conference planning committee presentation*)
 - Governor's Conference on Tourism, Helena, April 2-3, 2007 (Melisa Kaiser-Syness)
 - Montana Archaeological Society Conference, Dillon, April 20-22, 2007 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Damon Murdo, *Conservation Archaeology committee*)
 - ArcINFO GIS workshop, Helena, June 4-5, 2007 (Damon Murdo, *training*)
 - National Park Service grant management workshop, Washington, D.C., June 4-7, 2007 (Melisa Kaiser, *training*)
 - Montana Mainstreet workshop, Butte, June 12, 2007 (Rolene Schliesman)
 - Wyoming Association of Municipalities Conference, Rock Springs, WY, June 13-16, 2007 (Rolene Schliesman, *invited CLG trainer*)
 - National Park Service Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program workshop, Milwaukee, WI, July 9-12, 2007 (Pete Brown, *training*)
 - National Park Service cultural landscape workshop, Grant Kohrs NHS, Deer Lodge, August 28, 2007 (Kate Hampton and Josef Warhank, *training*)
 - American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 5-9, 2007 (Mark Baumler)

- Concrete Bridge assessment/workshop, Savenac, Lolo NF, September 25-26, 2007 (Pete Brown, *training*)
- ✓ Damon Murdo, SHPO Cultural Records Manager, and Melisa Kaiser-Syness, SHPO Grants Manager, were recognized for 5 years of state employee service.

. Special Project: Pursue changes in work environment and facility to improve public use and working conditions.

- ✓ With assistance from General Services Division, SHPO staff refurbished office reception and conference/library public use spaces to make them more efficient and user-friendly.
- ✓ Worked with University of Montana Helena College of Technology class in record management in conducting assessment of National Register of Historic Places file management.
- ✓ Developed and implemented regular records retention schedule with State Records Management Bureau and moved culled files offsite to free up working spaces.
- ✓ Participated actively in Department of Administration's planning studies for development, siting, and design of a new Montana Heritage Center, including a re-incorporation of the historic preservation program within a unified Montana Historical Society envelope.

. Special project: Apply for a 2007 Preserve America grant and research/write other grants in support of statewide and community heritage preservation development and initiatives (Goals/Objs. I.3, III.3, V.3).

- ✓ Successfully applied for and received 2007 Preserve America grant for \$100,000 to support the *Montana Heritage Preservation Training Initiative*. Grant award accepted by Kate Hampton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, from First Lady Laura Bush and Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne in a Capitol Hill ceremony on July 12, 2007.
 - Funds to be used in support of heritage preservation training and education in 2008 and 2009.
 - \$65,000 to be distributed in sub-grants to Montana designated Preserve America communities and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices through competitive application process (deadline December 14, 2007).
 - Remaining funds for support of statewide heritage training conferences and training travel scholarships.
- ✓ Successfully applied for and received \$10,000 from Montana Land Title Association Foundation for National Register of Historic Places Property Fund to support research and writing of National Register nominations in 2007.

- ✓ Successfully applied for and received an additional \$7,000 in 2007 funding from the Montana Legislature's Cultural and Aesthetic Grant Project program to support the *Identifying African American Resources Project*, begun in 2005.
- Unsuccessful bid for second round 2007 Preserve America research and documentation grant for \$150,000 to support identification, survey and inventory of unrecorded heritage places. Will resubmit for 2008 grant.

PLANNING PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the support of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning (Goals/Objectives: I.2; I.4; II.2; III.2; V.1; V.3)

- ✓ Routinely monitored implementation of FY2007 proposed special project activities developed in accordance with the goals and objectives of the 2003-2007 Montana State Preservation Plan: *Working Together to PRESERVE MONTANA*.
- ✓ Assisted City of Butte-SilverBow County in the successful revision of local historic preservation ordinance.
- ✓ Participated in public planning meetings for historic preservation in Boulder and for downtown development in Belt.
- ✓ Reviewed and commented on agency historic preservation plans for Department of Energy (Columbia River Basin, Clark Fork River, Mystic Lake, Big Fork), Corps of Engineers (Missouri River Mainstem, Koocanusa Reservoir), National Forest Service (Kootenai National Forest Plan), Bureau of Land Management (Miles City Resource Management Plan), Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (Travelers Rest NHL, Rosebud Battlefield State Park), as well as a cultural resource management policy for Plum Creek Timber Company

. Special Project: Develop Montana Historic Preservation Plan for 2008-2012 (Goals/Objs. I.2, I.4)

- ✓ Throughout FY2007, SHPO solicited public and stakeholder input to the revision of the state preservation plan through statewide questionnaire and stakeholder meetings. Participated in public planning meetings in Lewistown and Great Falls.
- ✓ Drafted revised state plan: *PRESERVE MONTANA: The Montana State Preservation Plan, 2008-2012*. (Submitted to National Park Service for approval on November 16, 2007)

. Special Project: Work within Montana Historical Society in developing a preservation and interpretive strategy with local constituencies for the benefit of the historic Wolf Point Bridge (Goals/Objs. I.1, V.3)

- Canceled/On hold: have yet to identify active local partners in the preservation of the historic Wolf Point bridge, adopted in 1997 by the Montana Historical Society in the face of demolition by the Montana department of Transportation.

. Special Project: Provide information and technical assistance for preservation legislation as requested by the 2007 Montana legislature (Goals/Objs. I.2)

- ✓ Developed and defended budget request for historic preservation program of the Montana Historical Society, including increased state support for grant administration, information management, and meetings of the state preservation review board.
- ✓ Recognized and distributed Governor's Council on Historic and Cultural Properties Report to the 60th Legislature 2007 (recommendations for increased funding for historic preservation). <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/HCadvisoryCouncil.asp>
- ✓ Provided informational testimony on 2007 Heritage Preservation and Cultural Tourism Act (SB299): passed
- ✓ Provided informational testimony on County Courthouse Restoration Act (HB663): failed
- ✓ Provided informational testimony to Rialto Theatre Restoration Act (HB574): passed (\$50,000)
- ✓ Provided budget information for re-allocation of accommodation tax in support of Montana Heritage Property Legacy Program (SB284): passed (vetoed)

SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above (Goals/Objectives: II.1; II.2; III.1)

- ✓ 850 new cultural resource reports were acquired and added to the SHPO statewide Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System (CRABS) and library, representing 106,615 acres of new survey [FY2006: 145,647 acres; FY2005: 131,067 acres; FY2004: 152,265 acres]. There are presently over 29,500 documents in CRABS.

- ✓ 1492 newly recorded cultural resource properties added to the Montana Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) database and statewide inventory maintained in partnership with the University of Montana, Department of Anthropology. These include 979 historic properties, 497 archaeological sites, and 16 combination historic/pre-contact sites [FY2006: 1536; FY2005: 1220; FY2004: 1617]. There are approximately 47,300 cultural resource properties recorded in Montana.
- ✓ Allocated \$35,000 of the 2006 Preserve America *Montana Rural Heritage Experience* grant funds and SHPO staff support to the ongoing production of two heritage inventory books: Montana Place Names and Last Best Barns of the Big Sky. To be published by the Montana Historical Society Press in 2008.
- ✓ Provided Preface and file support to A Guide to Historic Bozeman, Montana Mainstreets, Volume 7, by Jim Jenks. Published by the Montana Historical Society Press with funding from the City of Bozeman and the Montana Preservation Alliance.
- ✓ *More than a Mile from City Center: Helena's Northern Pacific Railroad District and Sixth Ward*, Montana The Magazine of Western History, Spring 2007, pp 56-60 by Kate Hampton, SHPO National Register Coordinator.
- ✓ SHPO supplied archaeological fieldwork assistance to a variety of efforts, including those of the Bureau of Land Management (documentation of the 1838 Ruby Creek Battle site in the Madison River Valley), the Montana Department of Transportation (excavations of pre-contact site 24PW308 near Helmville), the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Park County survey near Livingston), and a researcher's re-assessment of the location of Varnum's Lookout at Little Bighorn Battlefield.
- ✓ SHPO provided guidance and support to projects documenting historic inscriptions in eastern Montana (Tim Urbaniak, MSU-Billings); Chinese archaeological sites statewide (Chris Merritt, UoM-Missoula); re-survey of Helena's Westside Residential Historic District (Helena CLG); local survey and inventory of White Sulphur Springs downtown; and inventories at Ft. Missoula and Ft. Harrison (Helena).
- ✓ SHPO and the University of Montana Site Records Office worked collaboratively in planning for enhancements of the State Antiquities Database, including development of Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities (see below).

. Special Project: Encourage and facilitate ongoing and increased participation by tribes in the use and support of the State Antiquities Database (Goals/Objs. III.1, IV.1)

- ✓ The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes indicate that our CSKT-USFS-SHPO data sharing agreement for off reservation research by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) was working well. They continue to contribute new property records as appropriate and have put the system to good use.

- ✓ Discussions were held with the Blackfeet, Crow and Rocky Boys' THPO regarding future partnerships and data sharing. All agreed that new agency generated cultural resource reports and site records from these reservations would continue to be made available for the state database and files. Some site types (for example currently used Traditional Cultural Properties) are considered too sensitive for inclusion in the state system at this time. Once internal tribal staff arrives at a tribally appropriate means of coordinating other consideration they will initiate future sharing partnerships.

. Special Project: Form and provide leadership to a partnership of primary stakeholders in the initiation of the development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capabilities for the Montana State Antiquities Database (Goals/Objs. I.4, V.2)

- ✓ With SHPO oversight, two state GIS geodatabase projects were initiated and completed in FY2007:
 1. *National Register of Historic Places properties*: The State Information Technology and Services Division (ITSD) contracted with a consulting firm for the digitizing of locations of Montana's approximately 1,000 National Register listed properties as part of a Small Business Administration grant-assisted effort to create new and useful geospatial layers to facilitate economic development in Montana. This includes both district boundaries and individually listed properties statewide and is intended to become publically available information.
 2. *Southeast Montana Cultural Resource GIS*: With backing from the Miles City Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, SHPO partnered with the University of Montana Site Records Office, the Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) of the Montana State Library, and ITSD to create a pilot GIS of all recorded cultural resource properties (N = 1676) and survey inventories (N = 1700) in five southeast Montana counties: Dawson, Fallon, Prairie, Richland, and Wibaux counties. This spatial layer was then linked to cultural resource information and the SHPO library of scanned site forms through the State Antiquities Database in a restricted user environment.
- ✓ Continuing to work with ITSD, SHPO will seek in FY2008 to merge these two geodatabase projects into a single GIS and to develop the means for ongoing maintenance, updating and ultimately sharing as both public and user-restricted versions.
- ✓ With success, these pilot projects will become the format for expansion and development of a shared statewide Montana cultural resource GIS, importing existing geospatial information that exists and is available or creating new information as necessary.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property sign program (Goals/Objectives: II.2; II.3)

- ✓ Three meetings of the Montana State Preservation Review Board were held in FY2007: Helena (January 18); Red Lodge (June 22-23); and Glendive (September 29). Thirteen (13) new National Register nominations were reviewed and passed; none failed. Included were six residences, two schools, two banks, the log chapel in Rosebud, the Red Lodge Brewery/Cannery, and the Cut Bank Municipal Airport/Army Air Force Base.
- ✓ Twenty-three (23) new properties officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in FY2007:

Kero Farmstead, Carbon County	August 16, 2007
Red Lodge Brewery/Cannery, Carbon County	September 5, 2007
Anaconda Saddle Club, Deerlodge County	January 24, 2007
Bruyer Granary, Flathead County	October 12, 2006
McCarthy-Pederson Farm, Flathead County	December 18, 2006
Lewistown Satellite Airfield (Increase), Fergus County	January 17, 2007
Hogeland-Walton House, Fergus County	May 24, 2007
Watkins Creek Ranch, Gallatin County	December 27, 2006
B Bar K Ranch, Gallatin County	December 28, 2006
Big Arm School, Lake County	August 16, 2007
Williams Street Bridge, Lewis & Clark County	November 29, 2006
Alice Creek Historic District, Lewis & Clark County	June 6, 2007
Montana State Fairgrounds Racetrack, Lewis & Clark Co	December 20, 2006
Fisk Residence, Helena, Lewis & Clark County	January 17, 2007
Spalding-Gunn Residence, Helena, Lewis & Clark Co	December 27, 2006
Pope House, Helena, Lewis & Clark County	June 27, 2007
Troy Jail, Lincoln County	December 27, 2006
Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge, Lincoln County	December 27, 2006
Parrot Mine Shops Complex, Butte, Silver Bow County	January 9, 2007
Teton County Courthouse, Choteau, Teton County	November 29, 2006
Rundle Building, Glasgow, Valley County	November 29, 2006
Black Otter Trail, Billings, Yellowstone County	January 5, 2007
Ruth Residence, Billings, Yellowstone County	June 21, 2007

- ✓ Provided progress report and presentation update to the Montana Land Title Association Foundation for the use of \$10,000 donation to support National Register nomination research and preparation. Properties assisted in FY2007:

Parrot Mine Shops Complex, Butte (NR listed January 7, 2007); Ferris Homestead, Sheridan vicinity (NR listing pending); and Nunberg Farm, Wibaux vicinity (NR listing pending).

- ✓ Regularly discussed and met with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided workbooks to owners to initiate research and documentation. Made field visits to Nunberg Farm (Wibaux County), Cut Bank Airport (Glacier County), and Trident Cement Plant (Broadwater County).
- ✓ Routinely provided information to public inquiries regarding Montana properties that are currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- ✓ Documented and concurred in 305 evaluations of eligibility and 629 evaluations of ineligibility of historic and archaeological properties (i.e., “consensus determinations”) within the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act.

. Special Project: Work independently and with others to develop and promote awareness and information on Montana’s National Register listed properties (Goals/Objs. I.1, III.1)

- ✓ Worked with state Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program in creation of geodatabase for Montana National Register listed properties to be made publically accessible (see above, Survey and Inventory).
- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society’s National Register Property Sign Program for the production of 55 new property interpretive plaques. The sign program is supported by an annual allocation from the Montana accommodations tax.
- ✓ Recognized and presented certificates with the assistance of Lt. Governor John Bohlinger to owners of forty (40) properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2006-2007 in the 2007 Biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony held at the Myrna Loy Theatre in Helena, January 27, 2007. Approximately 250 people in attendance.
- ✓ Updated and revised online list of National Register properties in Montana: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/register/NRmap/NRmap.htm>
- ✓ Collaborated with Montana Historical Society Research Center and Lewis & Clark County Library in initiating Montana History WIKI site for frequently asked history questions to include information on select National Register listed properties: <http://montanahistorywiki.pbwiki.com/>
- ✓ Regularly prepared and distributed press releases of newly listed National Register properties.

DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and the development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements.

{Goals/Objectives: I.4; III.3; V.1; V.2; V.3; V.4}

- ✓ \$5,000 matching grants supported completion of three privately-owned historic barn rehabilitation projects through the Montana SHPO Rural Property Bricks and Mortar Program:
 - Myllymaki Barn, Little Belt Creek, Cascade County
 - Cue Livery Barn, near Melrose, Beaverhead County
 - Nunberg Barn, outside Wibaux, Wibaux County
- ✓ Provided technical review and comment to the Montana Department of Commerce on three historic site preservation project proposals submitted as applications for support in 2007 under the Montana Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (aka TIIP grants).
- ✓ Routinely responded to public inquiries regarding historic building repairs and renovations. Met on-site with owners in conjunction with proposed projects involving the Original Governors Mansion, the Montana Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building (Montana Historical Society), and the Anaconda Trolley Barn and Roundhouse.

PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and other tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 {Goals/Objectives: 1.3; III.3; V.1; V.3}

- ✓ Over \$800,000 in federal tax credits representing \$3.5 million dollars in investment in commercial historic property rehabilitations reviewed by SHPO in FY2007.
- ✓ Regularly responded to and met with owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program. Travelled to meet onsite

with interested owners of the Iron Front Hotel, the Devore Saddlery Building and the Old Liquor Warehouse (Helena), the Maryland Building (Great Falls), and the Olive Hotel (Miles City).

- ✓ Tax Act credit projects active and ongoing in FY2007 include the L&L Building and Klos Building in Billings, the Judith Theater and Ouellette Place in Lewistown, the Zip Automotive Building in Missoula, the Lehrkind Brewery and Story Mill in Bozeman, the Sears Building and Metals Bank in Butte, the J. K. Merrill Building in Philipsburg, the Glasgow Hotel/Rundle Building in Glasgow, and the Gladstone Hotel in Circle.
- ✓ The Oliver Building in Billings, the Montgomery Ward Building in Missoula, and the Warr-Lane Building in Lewistown submitted certificates of completion (Part 3) in FY2007.
- ✓ Presented tax credit information in CLG-sponsored workshops in Great Falls (April 27, 2007) and Helena (May 30, 2007).

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act {Goals/Objectives: I.2; I.4; II.2; III.1; III.2; IV.3; V.1; V.2}

- ✓ Reviewed and provided written responses to 2092 compliance project requests under the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation law (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana Environmental Protection Act). This represents an average of 8.3 review and compliance consultations per *work day*, slightly increased from 7.9 in FY2006.
- ✓ Provided same-day responses to the majority of the 1196 initial requests for SHPO cultural resource information and/or survey recommendations for project areas of potential effect, i.e. "file searches" (Response turn-around rate = 0.52 days, where 0 = same day; 1 = next *calendar day*). These FY2007 file searches involved a total of 15,533 sections of land.
- ✓ For the 896 other Review and Compliance written reviews and consultations for project undertakings (e.g., comments on cultural resource survey reports, evaluations of historical significance, determinations of effect, treatment options,

preservation agreements for mitigation of adverse effects, etc.), the overall average response turn-around rate in FY2007 was 7.7 *calendar days* per consultation. This is down significantly from 11.3 *calendar days* in FY2006 and well below the 30-day review time generally allowed for under preservation regulations.

- ✓ Of the 786 initial project reviews and file searches in FY2007 when SHPO survey recommendations were requested, SHPO recommended no further cultural resource work necessary in 595 (75%) cases based upon existing information in the State Antiquities Database and staff determination that there was a low likelihood of impact to significant heritage properties from proposed developments.
- ✓ Participated in the development of and signed thirteen (13) Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and five (5) Programmatic Agreements (PAs) with federal agencies and other concurring parties for the treatment and mitigation of adverse or potentially adverse effects to significant heritage properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- ✓ Ten (10) project consultations resulted in findings of Adverse Effect to historic properties in FY2007. Two of these involved participation by the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in resolving effects: the National Park Service proposed expansion of the Visitor Center at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (ongoing) and the Save America Treasure's funding of the interior renovation of the historic Carnegie Library by the Missoula Art Museum (resolved). Resolution of adverse effects identified in FY2006 from the proposed building of a coal-fired generation facility at the Great Falls Portage NHL, also involving the Advisory Council, is ongoing as well.

. Special Project: Search out opportunities and work with others to educate the public, law enforcement, and museum personnel on statutes and policies pertaining to human remains under the Montana Unmarked Burial Act, Montana Repatriation Act, and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (Goals/Objs. IV.3)

- ✓ Provided staff support to Montana Burial Board in annual meeting (May 17, 2007) and during three repatriation internments.
- ✓ Assisted Attorney General and County Attorney offices in review of contested handling of burial discovery case.
- ✓ Prepared draft language for Montana Burial Board website for public awareness and contact information (<http://burial.mt.gov>)
- ✓ Served on panel discussion of Montana Repatriation Act at Museum Association of Montana (MAM) annual conference in Missoula, March 9, 2007.
- ✓ Participated in onsite field assessment of burial discovery site near Havre.

- ✓ Met with Indian Affairs Office Coordinator to discuss human remains and burial discovery issues.

. Special Project: Meet with Montana cultural resource specialists of state and federal agencies, independently or in groups, to discuss issues and efficacy of current consultation procedures and potential for improvement (Goals/Objs. V.1, V.2)

- ✓ Attended and participated in program discussions at the annual statewide meeting of Bureau of Land Management cultural resource specialists in Lewistown, May 15-17, 2007.
- ✓ Met with Matt Thomas, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, during visit to Montana to discuss current issues in federal preservation programs and policies.
- ✓ Participated in roundtable preservation discussion with representatives of Montana Preservation Alliance, Montana Historical Society, Montana Heritage Commission, Montana Main Street, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Mountain-Plains Office.
- ✓ Hosted 27 office meetings with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, tribes, applicants, organizations or other interested parties regarding general programs and specific project undertakings with the potential to impact heritage properties.
- ✓ Made 21 on-site project and meeting visits, as requested by local, state, tribal, or federal agencies for review of pending or ongoing compliance projects.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. {Goals/Objectives: V.2; V.3}

- ✓ Allocated and passed-through \$78,500 (12.5%) in support from FY2007 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to 15 Montana communities and/or counties currently participating in the Certified Local Government program, exceeding the minimum 10% requirement.
- ✓ Communicated regularly with all 15 Montana CLGs during the year. Maintained Montana CLG and Montana SHPO listserves for communications.
- ✓ Performed formal evaluations of four CLG programs: Miles City (November 1-3, 2006), Lewistown (August 1-2, 2007), Virginia City ((August 21-22, 2007), and Havre/Hill County (September 20-21, 2007). Also visited on-site with

Anaconda/Deer Lodge County, Helena, and Great Falls CLGs. All met or exceeded performance standards.

- ✓ Met or had discussions with communities considering CLG program status, including White Sulphur, Boulder, Stevensville, Polson, and Ravalli County.
- ✓ Provided architectural survey and inventory training in Helena for Livingston CLG Historic Preservation Commission.
- ✓ Prepared and presented 4.5 hour CLG Training Workshop at Wyoming Association of Municipalities Conference in Rock Springs (WY), June 13-16, 2007. Revised power-point program and posted on SHPO website as new CLG Preservation Commissioner training.
- ✓ Concluded removal of Butte/Silver Bow County CLG from probation status following adoption of revised local preservation ordinance in February 2007.
- The Anaconda/Deer Lodge County CLG program did not apply for FY2007 funding, pending hiring of new local Historic Preservation Officer with the resignation of longtime HPO Cheryl McKinley in January 2007. Met with Anaconda Chief Executive to encourage new hiring.

. Special project: Seek additional financial support to grow the Montana Certified Local Government program (Goals/Objs. III.3, V.3)

- ✓ The Deer Lodge CLG advanced to a higher level of HPF funding with commitment to a half-time preservation officer.
- ✓ Montana SHPO regularly encourages and assists CLG communities in becoming certified Preserve America communities, eligible for grant and sub-grant funding.
- ✓ Second-round of 2006 SHPO Preserve America sub-grants for *Montana Rural Heritage Experience Program* totaling \$54,700 were awarded in January 2007, including four CLG communities:
 - Butte-Silver Bow County (\$15,000): to develop a network of heritage tourism trails in southwest Montana (CLG).
 - Fort Benton (\$3,100): to design and produce printed advertisement for local historic assets.
 - Lewistown (\$5,725): to produce walking tour brochures for six historic districts (CLG).
 - Missoula (\$10,440): to enhance website featuring walking tours, photos, and maps of National Register properties and districts (CLG).
 - Red Lodge (\$4,890): to update walking tour map and brochure.
 - Terry (\$10,000): research cultural and historic resources for heritage tourism.
 - Virginia City (\$5,545): to improve signage and other heritage tourism marketing efforts (CLG).

- ✓ Successfully applied for and received a 2007 Preserve America grant in July 2007 for \$100,000 to support the *Montana Heritage Preservation Training Initiative*. A total of \$65,000 to be awarded through sub-grants in 2007-2009 to applications solicited from Preserve America communities, including PA-certified CLG communities. Additional grant funds also to be available to CLG-Preserve America communities in the form of travel scholarships to attend heritage training opportunities.

OTHER ACTIVITIES (inc OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)

. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas (Goals/Objectives: All)

- ✓ Hosted 2007 Montana Biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony in Helena on January 17, 2007 with Lt. Governor John Bohlinger and 240 attendees. Certificates presented to owners of forty National Register of Historic Places properties listed in 2005-2006. Preservation awards for 2007 presented to:
 - **Montana Preservation Alliance** in recognition of 20 years of outstanding service to the State of Montana on behalf of our collective heritage.
 - **Jack Fisher and Gene Thompson** for their dedication to Montana's cultural resources and their tireless efforts on behalf of the state's historic places.
 - **Bruyer Granary Restoration Project** for the restoration of this 98-year old National Register listed property in Kalispell by Carl and Ellen Bruyer Naumann (Genevieve and Gerald Schulze owners).
 - **Montana Land Title Association Foundation** for their substantial and continuing financial support of the National Register of Historic Places program in Montana and their dedication to documenting our history.
- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, and archaeology to programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society.
- ✓ In conjunction with Montana Historical Society Education Program, organized and hosted the annual MHS **Archaeology Day!** on September 6, 2007, for over 250 local students with events contributed by SHPO staff and other local archaeologists and avocationalists.
- ✓ Continued to provide review comments and technical assistance to the development of the Montana Historical Society state history textbook for Middle School use: *Montana: Stories of the Land*.

- ✓ Regularly networked online and on phone with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), and National Park Service (NPS).
- ✓ Co-sponsor of Montana Archaeology Week (April 16-22, 2007). Organized and implemented mailing of 600 Montana Archaeology Week 2007 posters: *Symbolizing Sacred Spaces: Archaeology and Traditional Cultural Places*.
- ✓ Provided financial support to and collaborated with non-profit statewide Montana Preservation Alliance in various non-lobbying efforts. Served as ex-officio MPA Board member in attending quarterly meetings.
- ✓ Participated in 2007 Governor's Conference on Tourism and met with Montana Department of Commerce, Travel Promotion Division, to discuss heritage tourism initiatives, including Preserve America.

. Special Project: Promote and educate on historic preservation programs, initiatives and projects through multiple media outlets (Goals/Objs I.1, I.3, III.2)

- ✓ Maintained local preservation and CLG listserves with announcements and news related to state and regional preservation events and happenings.
- ✓ Regularly prepared or assisted the preparation of press releases for state preservation activities including National Register of Historic Places meetings and property listings, public talks and workshops, special events, and grant awards.
- ✓ Regularly published articles on SHPO programs, projects and other initiatives in the Montana Historical Society e-newsletter (*Montana Post*) and in the Montana Preservation Alliance newsletter (*Preservation Montana*).
- ✓ Added content to MT SHPO website (www.montanahistoricalociety.org/shpo) including a local preservation commissioner training series.
- ✓ SHPO staff presentations/public outreach:
 - HUD employee training presentation, Helena (November 13, 2006)
 - University of Montana, Anthropology CRM class, Missoula (Dec 4, 2006)
 - National Register workshop, Boulder (January 22, 2007)
 - Montana Historical Society staff program: Lewistown *Stonemasons* DVD screening, Helena (January 26, 2007)
 - MHS public program: *Montana's African-American Experience* (with A. Thompson, P. Dean & S. Meridith), Helena (February 1, 2007)
 - Museums Association of Montana conference, Missoula: *Do It Yourself Basics: Historic Structures Reports and Montana Repatriation Act Panel Discussion* (March 8-10, 2007)
 - Stimson Lumber Company employee cultural resource awareness, Bonner (April 17, 2007)

- Plum Creek Timber Company manager cultural resource awareness, Missoula (April 17, 2007)
- Tax credit presentation, *Downtown Revitalization: Building on Historic Districts workshop*, Great Falls (April 27, 2007)
- MHS public program: *Historic Preservation of Helena's 6th Ward*, Helena (May 3, 2007)
- National Register workshop and Lewistown Preservation Awards Ceremony, Lewistown (May 15, 2007)
- Preservation month public program: *A History of Montana Architectural Styles*, Helena (May 22, 2007)
- PEAK Student Enrichment Program: *What is Forensic Archaeology?*, Elliston (May 30, 2007)
- Preservation month workshop: *Preservation Incentives*, Helena (May 30, 2007)
- PEAK Student Enrichment Program: *How to Research Historic Buildings*, Helena (May 31, 2007)
- CLG Training, Wyoming Association of Municipalities, conference, Rock Springs, WY ((June 13-16)
- Presentation, Montana Land Title Association conference, Big Sky (August 3, 2007)
- Montana Historical Society *Archaeology Day!*, Helena (September 6, 2007)

. *Special Project: As allowable, attend and participate in preservation workshops, conferences, and other forums around the state (Goals/Objs I.4, V.2)*

- ✓ Staff attendance and participation in professional conferences and workshops to share information and maintain and develop professional knowledge, skills, and abilities (see above, Administration).

. *Special Project: Play a leadership role in the planning for the Vernacular Architecture Forum conference in Butte in 2009. (Goals/Objs I.4, II.2, III.1)*

- ✓ Rolene Schliesman, SHPO CLG/Community Preservation Coordinator, serves as co-chair for planning the Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) Conference in Butte, MT in June, 2009.
- ✓ Successfully presented Butte 2009 conference proposal to VAF Executive Board at annual conference in Savannah, GA, March 27-31, 2007. Approved unanimously and announced in local press.
- ✓ Montana planning committee officers consisting of Marie O'Neill (Chair, Montana State University Bozeman), Rolene Schliesman (Co-Chair, SHPO Helena), Dick Gibson (Chair: Tours & Guidebook Sub-Committee, Old Butte Historical Tours), Lesley Gilmore (Chair: Budget and Fund-raising Sub-Committee, Bozeman CTA Architects), and Denny Dutton, Chair: Logistics Sub-Committee, Butte CPR)

- ✓ Seven planning committee meetings held in FY2007 in Helena, Butte and Bozeman.

. Special Project: Plan and organize the fifth annual Montana Preservation Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Montana History Conference in Helena in FY2008 (October 18-20, 2007). (Goals/Objs I.1, I.3, V.2)

- ✓ Rolene Schliesman, CLG/Community Preservation Coordinator, served as SHPO co-coordinator for the fifth annual Montana Statewide Preservation Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Montana History Conference in Helena, October 18-20, 2007.
- ✓ Featured Montana Statewide Preservation Workshop forums to include three workshops (*Urban Preservation Practices; Combining LEED Certification with Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits; Heritage and Preservation Resources*), five sessions (*Preservation and Architecture; Incarcerated Under the Big Sky: Deer Lodge Prison; Nuclear Montana: A History of Montana's Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles; Showcasing Montana University History Scholars; Real Voices on Notable Events of the Not-so-distant Past*), a CLG statewide meeting, and a Montana Preservation Alliance Awards Luncheon.
- ✓ SHPO travel scholarships to be made available for CLG and Preserve America Community attendees.